Communist Infiltration

Sir: We trust that the students and faculty members whose right "to participate in civil rights demonstrations and political activities" received emphasis at the Washington (D.C.) convention of the American Association of University Professors, according to an Associated Press dispatch of April 10, will be responsibly alert to check on the true sponsorship of any demonstrations in which they participate.

The urgency of such precaution appears in the sworn testimony of Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Jr., inspectór general on the staff of the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, speaking June 13, 1961, to the Senate Internal Security subcommittee: "... many of us know what is back of the mob violence which we have been considering. It is probable, however, that few of the demonstrators realize that they are victims of a war that is being waged in the free world today. It is a life-and-death struggle between communism, which makes the people the slaves of the state, and free world democracy, in which the state carries out the will of the people. . . "

In particular, we urge all persons to read the full testimony of the Kirkpatrick hearing in the United States Government Printing Office 15-cent pamphlet "A Communist Plot Against The Free World Police." Reference was made to this document by Charles P. Harbaugh, Jr., president of the Maryland Criminal Justice Commission, in his address at the April meeting of our Baltimore county Chapter No. 2 of the Maryland Petition Committee, Inc.

The report states: "Our police are among the foremost guardians of freedom and thus a major target of the Communists. The better the force, the greater its efficiency, the higher its competence in preserving the peace, the more vital it is for the Communists to destroy it."

Let us all take courage and gain help by extending to fullest scope the words spoken by the CIA staff member about the benefit of meetings of the International Association of the Chiefs of Police: "The more we share our experiences, skills, and problems, the better we can deal with their (the Communists') tactics. They cannot divide and conquer, because we are united in the joint defense of our laws and liberties through common bonds."

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